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Art Unit 3681

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/805,561; Filed: March 22, 2004
For: **Hydraulic Transmission Vehicle**
Inventors: ISHIBASHI *et al.*
Our Ref: 0666.2240000/TGD/AFK

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Election of Species Requirement; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 23, 2005, requesting an election of one species to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the species of Group 1, represented by claims 1-4. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or species disclosed. This election is made without traverse.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees

required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account
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